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TO Chief of Mission, Frankfurt  
ATTN: [ ]  
FROM Chief, EE  
SUBJECT GENERAL Operational  
SPECIFIC Arthur T. LATTER  
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1. [ ] who expects to discuss subject with you during his visit, has asked that a digest of available biographical data on Arthur T. LATTER be forwarded for your information.

2. LATTER, a German national, was born in Moscow on 10 September 1886, the elder son of Ing. LATTER who owned a machine-making plant in that city. LATTER was educated in Moscow and Germany.

3. He became a clerk at the German Consulate in Moscow in 1920, was subsequently assimilated into the German Foreign Service, and dispatched to Berlin for training. In the late 1920's he was back in Moscow in the German Embassy's commercial department. Eventually he attained the rank of counsellor (Botschafterat). During this Moscow period LATTER married Marie HAKENTHAL, younger daughter of a prominent German industrialist in the Soviet capital.

4. LATTER came to Hitler's attention in 1934-1935 as an expert on Russian economic matters and from that time on he was utilized as a Russian translator and interpreter by Dr. Paul SCHMITT, chief of the interpreters' department of the German Foreign Office. Subject attended most of the important meetings concerned with German-Soviet negotiations and was with RIBBENTROP at the time the 1939 non-aggression pact was signed in Moscow. During the war LATTER was deputy chief of the Russian Research Department of the Foreign Office.

5. Lifted out of ZIPPER's evaluation section, LATTER was brought to the U.S. under Military Government auspices, arriving on 18 October 1948. Since 1949 he has been an active consultant for KUGOWN and ODACID. During 1950-1951 he delivered frequent lectures to KUGOWN staff members on the local premises. He has maintained his own office in Washington.

Initials in the file state that LATTER appears fairly prominently  
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available in your office library.

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